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INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMCONSUL LUANDA

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 8558

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FROM VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AO, PO, PINS

SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE POLICY ON ANGOLA

REF: A) LISBON 5542 & 5546; B) LUANDA 1398

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN TODAY'S MEETING EXPRESSED ALARM AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY ADMIRAL CARDOSO (REF B) THAT, DESPITE EARLIER AGREEMENTS, PORTUGUESE FORCES WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM ANGOLA BEFORE NOVEMBER 11. HE REMARKED THAT IT WOULD BE "DISASTROUS" IF THEIR EQUIPMENT WERE LEFT IN MPLA HANDS AS HAD BEEN DONE IN VIRTUALLY EVERY CASE TO DATE WHEN PORTUGUESE UNITS WERE TRANSFERRED OUT OR DISOLVED. HE ASKED THAT WE DO OUR BEST TO PRESS THE PORTUGUESE TO STOP FAVORING THE MPLA AND PARTICULARLY TO WITHHOLD FROM THE MPLA THE RELATIVELY MASSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT STILL HELD BY THEM IN ANGOLA.

2. MOBUTU INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT SANGUINE THAT EVEN THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING OR ABLE TO DO ANYTHING POSITIVE AND HELPFUL BUT THAT HE PRAYED THEY WOULD AT LEAST REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY MORE SERIOUSLY NEGATIVE STEPS.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT SEE MUCH IN EITHER OF AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S  
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REPORTS (REF A) FROM WHICH WE CAN DERIVE MUCH HOPE. AS SEEN FROM

HERE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE MERIT IN HOLDING OFF  
OUR RESPONSE TO GHE GOP'S REQUEST FOR INCREASED  
REFUGEE AND AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE UNTIL WE SEE WHETHER ANTUNES IS IN  
FACT SERIOUS WHEN HE SAYS HE SHARES OUR CONCERNS AND WILL TRY  
TO BE HELPFUL. AT A MINIMUM WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE GOZ'S  
COMMITMENT NOT TO ALLOW PORTUGUESE FORCES TO HAND OVER THEIR  
ARMS TO THE MPLA AS THEY WITHDRAW.  
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